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## **BURNING POLICIES & REGULATIONS**

The regulations and policies as set forth were developed by the Woodstock Fire/Rescue District and the City of Woodstock in order to regulate recreational fires and open burning.

The term "open burning" is defined as the burning of any materials where combustion products are emitted in the air "without passing through a stack or chimney from an enclosed chamber". Except for specific situations, such as wetland maintenance or prairie restoration burns, open burning is not allowed in Woodstock, the only exception is for recreational fires as defined below.

The term "recreational fire" is defined as:

- A fire kindles for outdoor use, using only seasoned, dry firewood which has been ignited using a small quantity of paper and that is contained in a permanent fireplace, portable brazier, grill, or other appliance that has been designed for burning and is used in the manner that it was intended.
- A "permanent fireplace" is defined as one made of masonry materials such as brick and/or block and mortar, that is constructed as a permanent structure and not intended to be portable or temporary. A depression in the ground surrounded by rocks or similar material does not meet this definition.
- Bonfires are prohibited in the City of Woodstock.

In all cases, the following , the following requirements apply:

- An adult shall be present at all times.
- The fire shall be extinguished when left unattended or abandoned.
- The approved device shall be located on the ground at least 15 feet from any structure. (One and two family dwellings are exempt& does not apply to grills for cooking)
- A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher complying with a minimum 4-A rating or other on-site fire extinguishing equipment, such as dirt, sand, water barrel or garden hose shall be available for immediate utilization.
- The fire shall not be used for waste disposal purposes, including the burning of yard waste , construction materials or household waste.
- The fire shall not comprise or result in a nuisance for other property owners or residents. If such a nuisance is reported, local jurisdictions shall have the right to extinguish the fire.